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Little Dissertation by Southern Jour nal That le Liable to Raise an Argument.

A southern man related the other day that a friend was a student in a northern university, and that when one day a fellow student applied, in a casual way, the epithet of "liar" to him, the southerner promptly knocked down the youth who had been so imprudent in the use of words. The incident caused astonishment among the students who did not understand the southern notion of this particular term.

But are southerners really superior creatures? Far be it from us to say that they are not-but the important such a thing as a southern liar.

Every man holding a public office swears an oath to obey the Constitution and laws, and, if he be an executive officer, to enforce the laws. There are communities where certain laws are openly and impudently violated-directly under the eye of the officer of the law. Were the state to name one of these officers and say, "John Doe, you break your oath of office daily; you are a liar and perjurer," "John Doe" would proceed to take summary revenge on the state, and a large part of the public would applaud him. Yet that same part of the public would be perfectly well aware that "John Doe" is liar and perjurer.

Is it, after all, a worse thing to be called a liar than to be one?-Columbia State.

Strange Human Foods

The Chinese get a very palatable food from the chrysalls of the silk worm. The poor remove the envelope, broll the chrysalis and eat it with salt and pepper. In the homes of wealth, however, the chrysalls is fried in lard, butter or oil, and mixed with the yolk of an egg. But the strangest of all food is the larvae of a certain fly, common in California and known as the Ephydra. The flies are washed on the shore in windrows and can be collected in bushel baskets. The Indians gather them, dry them and grow fat on them.

Getting the Best of the Groud Herbert Casson says "The way to get the better of a grouch is to let him talk himself out." Try it, I have

IN THE MATTER OF TRUTH STILL A MYSTERY TO MANY

Years of Travel Have Not Taught the World What a Japanese Lady is Really Like.

How I admire those two! Arietocrats to the finger tips, cultivated, courteous, refined, with a dignity of manner incomparable,

While I puffed and fanned, in the thinnest of lingerie blouses, the Jap-anese "grande dame" sat cool and calm in a gray silk kimono, girt around the body with double folds of a heavy satin obi. She was a harmony of soft silver gray and sheeny dove colors.

There was a glint of gold in the stiff fabric of her obi, a tiny gold. clasp on the cord that bound the obiquestion is whether or not there be in place. A single amber in their lines, in the massing and relief of black and ivory, stood out from the surplice folds of the kimono like a superb etching.

As a work of art, she was perfection, a restful, perfectly composed and balanced study; the tones and values true. I gazed at her enchanted, and thought how different was this grande dame before me from the vulgar travesty of the Japanese woman that parades our stage.

Think of those plays we saw in London! the "Madame Butterfly," and "The Darling of the Gods!" What a million miles between this daimio's daughter and that giggling hoyden with frizzled hair and cabbage bunches of flowers over each

No, Europe does not understand Japan. Despite all these years of travel and photography, Europe does not yet know what a Japanese lady looks like, how she dresses, nor least of all how exquisitely smooth and simple is her coiffure.-From Eliza R. Scidmore's "As the Hague Ordains."

Not Her Fault.

"Ellen, I'm tired of your neglect and carelessness. Just look at all that dust lying about on the furniture. It's six weeks old at the very least." "Then it's no fault of mine. know very well, ma'am, that I've been with you only four weeks."-Harper's

Too Needy. A friend in need generally needs too much.—New Orleans Picayune.

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